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RE: CUBA

1. YOST AND BLAKE WERE TOLD BY POLISH DEP FONMIN WINIEWICZ AT LUNCHEON THAT HE HAD KNOWN "NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING" ABOUT SOV DECISION SEND MISSILES TO CUBA AND HE AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SOV MOTIVES HAD BEEN. HE INDICATED HE PARTICULARLY BAFFLED BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN POLISH UNDERSTANDING THAT SOV BLOC ABOUT TO PROPOSE GENERAL ACROSS-THE-BOARD NEGOTS WITH US AND ITS ALLIES. HE SAID GROMYKO HAD TOLD HIM AFTER LATTER'S CONVERSATION WITH PRES KENNEDY THAT PRES, WHILE FIRM ON NEED PRESERVE WESTERN FORCES IN BERLIN, HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS DISCUSS BROADER ISSUES AND REACH MODUS VIVENDI. HE WAS MOREOVER ASTONISHED THAT SOVS, WHO HAD REFUSED TO STATION NUCLEAR WEAPONS EVEN ON TERRITORY OF EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES, SHOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO RISK THEM IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

2. WINEIWICZ COMMENTED POLES AND ALL OTHERS IN BLOC EXCEPT CHINESE SUPPORTED DECISION TO WITHDRAW WEAPONS. POLES PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH SOV DECISION BECAUSE IN THEIR VIEW THIS PRESENTED ALL PARTIES WITH CLEAN SLATE FROM WHICH TO BEGIN DISCUSSION ALL ASPECTS SECURITY PROBLEM.

3. WINIEWICZ INQUIRED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ADD SECTION TO BRAZILIAN DENUCLEARIZED ZONE RES GIVING GENERAL APPROVAL TO IDEA OF CREATION OTHER DENUCLEARIZED ZONES. HE MADE IT CLEAR HE HAD IN MIND INDIRECT APPROVAL FOR RAPACKI PLAN AND WONDERED OUT LOUD IF US READY REEXAMINE ITS POSITION IN LATTER REGARD. YOST SAID US NOT PREPARED CONSIDER ANY NEGOTS WITH SOVS UNTIL LATTER HAD FULFILLED THEIR PART OF BARGIN RE REMOVAL OF OFFENSIVE

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WEAPONS FROM CUBA AND VERIFICATION. RE RAPACKI PLAN, YOST POINTED OUT ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DENUCLEARIZATION EUROPE AND THAT OF LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA, AND REITERATED US POSITION CONCERNING FORMER. AMB LEWANDOWSKI, WHO WAS WITH WINIEWICZ, SAID HE QUITE DISAPPOINTED HEAR THIS BECAUSE POLES HAD THOUGHT THEY DETECTED CERTAIN SIGNS RECENTLY THAT US READY RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSITION TO RAPACKI PLAN IN LIGHT MOST RECENT EVENTS.

4. WINIEWICZ, SPEAKING OF SHAKE-UP IN BULGARIAN CP, SAID HE CONVINCED THIS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO CUBAN EVENTS. EVEN LAST SUMMER WHEN HE ON VACATION IN BULGARIA IT HAD BEEN APPARENT TO HIM AND OTHER BLOC OFFICIALS ALSO VACATIONING THERE THAT THERE WOULD BE SHAKE-UP IN BULGARIAN PARTY AT TIME OF PARTY CONGRESS. STEVENSON

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